# Battle
## OF
# TALAVERA DE LA REYNA
## Fought ON THE 27th & 28th July, 1809.

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## REFERENCES.

French Army, 1st Movement, in the afternoon of 27th July.

A. 1st Corps. Marshal Victor
B. 1st Corps. General Sebastiani
C. Reserve. General Dessolles
D. Division of Light Cavalry. General Merlin
E. Division of Drugoons. Genl Latour Maubourg
F. Division of Light Cavalry. General Milhan

French Army 2d Movement on the evening of 27th July

A2 1st Corps
a.a. Attack made at dusk upon the left of the 1st British Division (viz. the kings german legion)
F2 Forward movement made at dusk by Milhan's Division of Cavalry. This movement was the immediate cause of the panic on the right of the Spanish Line
F3 Position taken up by Milhan's Cavalry on retiring
b. Attack made, after dark, upon the left of the 2d Division of British Infantry
B2 4th French Corps
D2 Merlin's Division of Light Cavalry
E2 Latour Maubourg's Division of Drugoons
C2 Dessolles's Reserve.

British Army on the 27th July.

G. 3d Division of Infantry (Genl Mackenzie) and Anson's Brigade of Cavalry. These troops observed the Enemy's advance, and fell back gradually to the position previously fixed upon by the Generals commanding the two Allied Armies.
H. Cotton's and Fane's Brigades of Cavalry.
G2 The 3d Division of Infantry after falling back to the position formed in second line to the 1st Div.
H2 The three Brigades of British Cavalry after falling back into the position

I. General position of the British Infantry on the evening of the 27th July
K. General position of the Spanish Troops on the evening of the 27th July

Reference to movements shewn under the first appliquée

French Army. 1st Movement seen after daybreak on the morning of the 28 July.

A. 1st Corps. Marshal Victor
ccc. Attack made on the left flank of the 1st line of General Hill's Division (the 2d) of British Infantry

French Army. 2d Movement

ddd. Attack made by part of the 4th Corps upon an unfinished redoubt which was situated at the extremity of a tongue of land, opposite to the right of the British, and the left of the Spanish Line

Allied Army.

LL. Hill's Division (2d) of British Infantry in two lines, repelling the first attack of the Enemy
MM. Sherbrooke's Division (1st) of Do. | The 1st Division partially attacked by the Enemy's skirmishers
NN. Mackenzie's Division (3d) of Do. | and both sustaining a heavy cannonade
OO. Alexander Campbell's Division (4th) Do.
eee. The 4th British Division, together with the Kings Regiment of Spanish Cavalry and the 3d and 4th Divisions of Spanish Infantry repelling the second attack of the Enemy, and capturing seventeen pieces of Artillery

Reference to change shewn under the second appliquée

French.

f.f. Light Troops detached into the Serra from the right of the 1st Corps.
g.g. Two bodies of Infantry which had been advancing along the valley in Column but which formed squares on the approach of the two Regiments composing Anson's Brigade of British Cavalry
h A strong column of Infantry which remained, during the whole of the third attack, upon the slope of the ready to profit by any advantage which might favour its getting possession of the Key of the position of the Allies which was held by the 2d Division of British Infantry.
ii Skirmishers connecting the column C with the attack made upon the 1st Division of British Infantry.
k First attack made the 1st Division of British Infantry.
l The left of the above attack repelled by the forward movement of the Brigade of British Guards.
m Last forward movement of the French, when the 1st and 3d British Divisions were obliged to fall back in consequence of the severe losses they had sustained, especially from the heavy fire of the Enemy's superior artillery.
n Cavalry support in rear of the two squares of Infantry in the valley.
A 1st Corps
B 4th
o King Joseph's reserve supporting the left of the 1st Corps
D Merlin's Cavalry
E Latour Maubourg's Cavalry
C Dessolles's reserve.

Allies

p General Bassecourt's Division (5th) of Spanish Infantry opposed to the French in the Serra
q Two Brigades of British Cavalry, under General Payne. The left Brigade (Anson's) moving against the two columns of French Infantry
r The 23d Light Dragoons attempting to charge the Enemy
s The 1st Light Dragoons (Kings German Legion) stopped in consequence of the banks of the dry watercourse being abrupt than where the other regiment passed it
t Albuquerque's Division of Spanish Cavalry
u 2d British Division.
v 1st British Division.
w 3d British Division.
x Advance of the British Guards.
v2 Situation of the 1st Division, after being obliged to fall back
w2 3d Division in second line to the 1st
y Cotton's Brigade of Cavalry moved to the support of the 1st Div.
O 4th British Division
z Forward position assumed by the 1st Batt.n 48th Regt to check the Enemy's advance
& Left of the Spanish Line.

The Enemy, after the failure of this attack, drew back his troops into their position covered by large parties of Skirmishers.

About six o'clock in the evening the French formed a very strong rear guard XX opposite that part of the position of the Allies which had been all along occupied by the 1st British Division, and, under cover of a heavy cannonade; they began to retire (x.x.) towards the banks of the Alberche.